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REMARKS

Claims 2-22 remain in this application. Claims 2-22 have been amended. No new claim has been added. Claim 1 was previously canceled. Full consideration of the claims as now presented is requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's courtesies extended to the undersigned during the interview of May 5, 2006 during which the subject matter of claims 2-22 was discussed. Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-22 pending amendment to overcome a §112 rejection discussed during the interview. Examiner indicated that amending the independent claims to provide further clarification of the process steps by replacing the "use" claim language with "process" language would place the application in form for allowance. Proposed language was discussed and agreed to. Applicants hereby submit the agreed to amendments.

Claims 2-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd para. for failing to set forth any steps involved in the process. Insofar as it may apply to the present claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 17 and 19 are hereby amended by changing the preamble of each to read as follows: "A process for ~~using a~~ the compound of ~~the~~ Formula 1 ~~in a process~~,".

Claims 3-16, 18 and 20-22 are hereby amended to harmonize the preamble of each with its corresponding independent claim.

Claims 7, 9-12, 16, and 18 are hereby amended to harmonize the specified process steps of each with its corresponding independent claim.

No new subject matter has been added as all the subject matter was present in the claims and specification as filed.

During the interview, Examiner indicated that the "method of using" language is inappropriate for the preamble. It was agreed during the interview that changing the preamble of the independent claims to read as currently amended would result in an allowance of the claims. In view of the present amendment, applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

In view of all the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that they have made a diligent effort to move the claims to allowance by amending the claims as requested without addition of

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new subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance and request an early notice of allowance therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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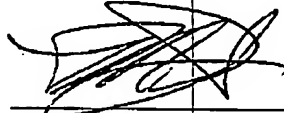
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